

**DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SHAPING SUTURE FOR TREATING CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE**; the specification of which was filed on **April 16, 2004** as Application Serial No. **10/825,785**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below.

Application No.:	60/286,269	Filing Date:	April 24, 2001
	60/300,892		June 25, 2001
	60/302,255		June 28, 2001
	60/466,653		April 29, 2003
	60/485,568		June 7, 2003
	60/488,292		July 18, 2003
	60/499,946		September 2, 2003
	60/500,762		September 4, 2003
	60/512,293		October 17, 2003
	60/518,270		November 5, 2003
	60/534,514		January 5, 2004

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**Prior U.S.A. Application(s)**

Application No.:	10/127,714	Filing Date:	April 23, 2001	Status:	Pending
	10/183,396		June 28, 2002		Issued
	10/244,659		April 23, 2003		Pending
	10/785,486		February 17, 2004		Pending

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements

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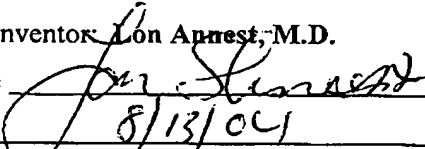
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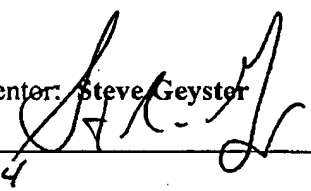
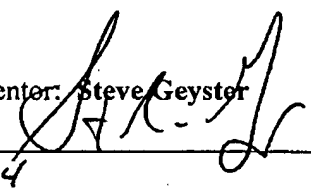
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